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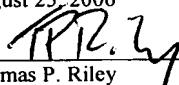
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Sir:

The patents, publications and/or other documents listed on the enclosed PTO Form-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98.

**Concise statement of relevance for DE 2,706,103**

DE 2,706,103 appears to disclose in FIGS. 1-4 a candle 1 having multiple smaller candle segments that stack vertically on top of each other. Each candle segment appears to have a hollow cylindrical segment 2 with a wall 5 extending between an upper cavity area 6 filled with wax 3 and an empty lower cavity area 7. A wick 4 appears to extend downwardly through the wax 3 and to be connected to a wick holder 9 partly disposed in a recessed portion of the wall 5. FIG. 5 appears to further disclose a radially inset flange 12 at the bottom of the hollow cylindrical segment 2. FIG. 6 appears to further disclose a feather spring 14 at the bottom of the hollow cylindrical segment 2 that fits into a groove 13 in the top of the wax 3. FIG. 7 appears to disclose yet another embodiment of a hollow cylindrical segment 2 having a wick 4 and a wick holder disposed therein. FIGS. 8-9 appear to further disclose a smaller translucent cylindrical container 17 having a lower annular flange 16 that is received within an annular groove 15 in the wall 5 of the hollow cylindrical segment 2. The container 17 appears to have wax 3 and a wick 4 disposed therein.

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In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), no certification or fee is required.

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Consideration and citation of the references are respectfully solicited.

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